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My Minnesotan family

Now here we are, and proud we stand
on common ground and on new land.
We brought together offspring of those who came
to find the Germans over there and here of much the same.

Within these days a dream came true.
A big chance coming up to me and you.
It was time to get along,
to form a partnership that is quite strong.
May friends now follow what we did,
may all they see the historic point we hit.

Now we see Americans and Germans come together
Climbing up our GAGP ladder to the bridge,
that brings us to the other side, plus deep emotion,
to each other's shores of the atlantic ocean.

We want find partners, cousins may, and other, or ...
Why should our heart then ask for more.
We worked hard and now we see
how unique this is, this great opportunity.

There is so much to share and give
because it is different where all we live.
Here in Minnesota we came together
and there will be: such an idea to have a big family tree
to find what is within our common ancestry.

And these Twin Cities for us it is the center
for German and Germanic research, you should enter!
We help you find the footsteps, we do trace
besides all problems, though, that you may face.

When I came here I thought
all this might be "just" about genealogy
but now it's family I see.
Thank you for being as you are:
For me, You are the Northern Star.

I can not think of anything bigger than we achieved,
I found fantastic genealogists - you can not believe.
I must express appreciation, and my respect
towards the agenda that you all have set.

Now it's time to say goodbye
but we take the Minnesotan style.
I say it once, I say it twice:
All you did for me
was Minnesota nice.

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